

# Clermont County On The Move

a newsletter for citizens

Commissioners: Bob Proud, Mary Walker and Scott Croswell

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#### **Malott Named Line Officer of the Year**

By: Joe Ellison, Adult Probation

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and.....a chance to give a "hoot" about nature! Clermont County Municipal Court Probation Officer Daniel Malott has been named as a recipient of the George W. Farmer Adult Misdemeanant Line Officer of the Year award. The award was presented during the recent meeting of the Annual Adult Probation and Parole Association National Training Institute held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Malott was recognized for performing assigned duties in an outstanding manner, making significant contributions to the respective probation, parole or community corrections profession. The recipient of this award brings credit or

honor to the profession through participation or involvement in community activities or programs.



Pictured above (left - right): Chief Probation Officer Joe Ellison, Judge Thomas Herman, Probation Officer Dan Malott, Judge James Shriver and Judge Victor Haddad.

#### Clermont Child Support Enforcement Awarded "Best Practice" Award

By: Theresa Ellison, Child Support

The Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services, division of Child Support Enforcement, is pleased to announce that the agency is the recipient of one of the 2003 Best Practice Awards from the Ohio Family Support Association. The agency is being honored for the Career Opportunities Program, which is a combined effort of the Clermont County Domestic Relations and Juvenile Courts, the Business and Workforce Resource Center of Clermont County, and the Child Support Enforcement Division.

Those owing child support who are unemployed or underemployed, and who are in court on contempt actions, can be referred to the program rather than face the prospect of jail time with no job opportunities. Since the program's inception in July of 2002, over 190 individuals have become employed, and over \$525,617 in child support have been collected from those persons referred to the program.

"The program provides new and fresh options for the Juvenile Court to assist children and to obtain child support from parents," said Clermont County Juvenile Court Judge Stephanie Wyler.

#### "Clermont County Wall of Words"

Thousands of people have been turning out to sign the "Clermont County Wall of Words," thanking and remembering their friends and loved ones for their military service. The first 8'X12' wall was completely filled. The Veterans' Service Commission then approved construction of a second wall, available for signing at the Meijer store at Eastgate through November 10, 2003.



## Salute to Our Military: Past, Present and Future

Join your friends and neighbors for a special musical celebration of America, our patriotism and those who have paid the ultimate price to preserve it. The "Salute" will be Monday, November 10, 2003, 7:00 p.m., at the Fastiques Building on the Clermont County Fairgrounds in Owensville. All are welcome.

Older citizens needing a ride to the Service Salute, can contact Clermont Senior Services at 536-4115 to arrange door-to-door shuttle service.



#### What's Happening at Clermont County Parks

By: Keith Robinson, naturalist

#### Night Hike Friday November 7, 6:00 p.m. Pattison Park

Join the naturalist for a guided night hike through Pattison Park. We'll search for owls, foxes, raccoons and other nocturnal animals. Leave your flashlights at home and use your night vision to find your way through the forest. Meet at the picnic shelter.

#### Habitat Help Day Saturday, November 8, 9:00 am - 1:00pm Crooked Run Nature Preserve

Non-native invasive plants can be detrimental habitats. They can spread quickly and displace native plants. Park District staff will be removing honeysuckle and other non-native plants. The removal of exotic plants helps to ensure a healthier forest, and provides a greater diversity of plants and animals. Here's your chance to get down and dirty and help improve your parks. Join the Park District staff to get rid of these unwanted plants and help the plant community at Crooked Run Nature Preserve, the only state dedicated nature preserve in Clermont County.

#### Busy 2003 for Recorder

By: Marsha Stockton, Recorder's Office

It is shaping up to be a record year for real estate recordings! Low interest rates have created a huge volume of recordings. In 2002, which was also a big year for the Recorder's office, we recorded 65,475 documents. Already in 2003, we have recorded 66,727 documents with two-and one-half months still to go. In 2003 we have already paid more into the general fund than all of last year.

The Recorder's small, professional staff has, even with the current excessive volume, worked diligently to make sure the documents are processed accurately and in a timely manner.

Sheriff A.J. "Tim" Rodenberg, his wife Kathleen,

and son Nick reunite in San Diego. Nick recently returned to the United States after an 8-month deployment as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



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### November Commissioner Sessions

Weds., Nov. 5 1:00 p.m. Weds., Nov. 12 1:00 p.m. Weds., Nov. 19 1:00 p.m. Tues., Nov. 25 11:00 a.m.

All regular sessions are held in the third floor session room of the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 East Main Street in Batavia, Ohio. For agenda information, contact the BCC offices at (513) 732-7300.